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THE Congregation of Cardinals, to whom the Pope referred the Conſideration of the Manner of opening the Jubilee, having had ſeveral Meetings and warm Diſputes, ſome being of opinion that it ſhould be deferred till the *Epiphany*, in hopes the Pope might be then well enough to perform the Ceremony himſelf, and others thinking there was ſo little likelihood of his Recovery in ſo ſhort a time, that this Ceremony ought not to be delayed beyond *Chriſtmas* Eve, they reſolved at laſt, That the Jubilee ſhould be opened on *Chriſtmas* Eve, the uſual time, and becauſe Cardinal *Cibo* Dean of the College of Cardinals, by reaſon of his great Age and Infirmities could not officiate on this occaſion, they agreed, that the Cardinal *de Bouillon*, Sub-Dean, ſhould be appointed to open St. *Peter*'s Gate, and have the Character of *Legate à Latere*; And the Cardinals *Panciatici*, *Pamphilio*, and *Morigia*, were made Choice of to open the Gates of the other three Churches which are called Patriarchal, *viz.* St. *Paul*'s, St. *John*'s, and St. *Mary Majore*, and that theſe three Cardinals ſhould according to Cuſtom have the Title of Legates. Matters being thus ſettled by the Congregation, and the Pope having approved thereof, the Legates received the neceſſary Powers, and had Audience of the Pope on Saturday laſt, who expreſſed to them how much he was concerned that he could not Perſonally aſſiſt at this Solemnity. On Sunday the 20th Inſtant the College of Cardinals repaired to the Pope's Chapel, where a Solemn Maſs was performed; After which the Sieurs *Lanzetta* and *Jacometti*, Auditors of the *Rota*, proclaimed the Pope's Bull for the Jubilee, reading it aloud at the Palace Gate in *Latin* and *Italian*, while the like was done at the Gates of the other Patriarchal Churches, which was followed by a treble Diſcharge of the Cannon and Salvo's of the Guards and Soldiers in Garriſon here. The three following days the Bells were rung, and the Cannon diſcharged for an hour together every evening. On Thurſday the 24th, being *Chriſtmas* Eve, the College of Cardinals went to hear a Solemn Maſs in the Chapel of Pope *Sixtus* in the Vatican, and from thence the Cardinal *de Bouillon* came to St. *Peter*'s, attended by the College, and by the ſeveral Orders of Monks in their Habits, while the other Legates in like manner proceeded to the other Churches afore-mentioned. Over-againſt St. *Peter*'s Church ſeveral Balconies were built for the Perſons of Quality that came to ſee this Ceremony. The Imperial, *French*, and *Venetian* Ambaſſadors were likewiſe there, (the *Spaniſh* Ambaſſador, with the Count *de Lemos* General of the Gallies of *Naples*, being at the Church of St. *Mary Majore*,) who obſerving that their Seat was placed much lower than that of the Queen-Dowager of *Poland*, they complained thereof to the Cardinal *de Bouillon*, who gave Orders for their being placed to their Satisfaction. Then the Cardinal *de Bouillon*, aſſiſted by three Canons of St. *Peter*'s Church, having received from the hands of Signior *Caprara*, Dean of the *Rota*, a Silver-Gilt Hammer conſecrated by the Pope for that purpoſe, he thrice ſtruck with it St. *Peter*'s Gate, which thereupon fell, what ſupported it having before been privately pulled down and carried away, and then the Superſtitious Crowd was let in to obtain the promiſed Indulgences, a Diſcharge being made at the ſame time of the Cannon, and ſeveral Salvo's given by the Guards and Soldiers of our Garriſon, who were ranged in the Streets between the Vatican and St. *Peter*'s Church. Yeſterday being *Chriſtmas* day, the College of Cardinals were very ſplendidly entertained by the Pope's Order, and at his Charge. The Concourſe of Strangers that are come hither upon account of the Jubilee is very great, and Proviſions begin to grow exceſſive dear. The Duke *d'Uzeda*, Ambaſſador from *Spain*, is on his departure from hence for *Gaeta*, where he is to confer with the Vice-Roy of *Naples*; he deſired a private Audience of the Pope, but could not obtain it by reaſon of the ill ſtate of the Pope's Health.

Cologne, Jan. 12. On Tueſday the 5th Inſtant the Elector of *Cologne* came hither from *Bon* to aſſiſt at the Celebrating of the Feaſt of the *Epiphany*, which is always done with great Solemnity, becauſe of the Opinion they have here, that the Eaſtern Kings lie buried in this City. His Electoral Highneſs was received by the Magiſtrates who attended him to his Palace, and he was ſaluted by ſeveral Diſcharges of the Cannon. On Wedneſday his Electoral Highneſs gave a very ſplendid Entertainment to the Pope's Nuncio, the Count *de Schallart* Envoy from the Emperor, and other Forreign Miniſters, the Chapter and Magiſtrates of this City, and on Thurſday his Electoral Highneſs returned to *Bon*. Monſieur *Philipeaux*, Envoy from *France*, has had Audience of Leave of the Elector, and is returned to *France*. They write from *Duſſeldorp*, that great Preparations are making there againſt the Carnaval, the Elector Palatine intending to keep it in that City, and afterwards to go to *Heydelberg*, which he intends to make the Place of his conſtant Reſidence. 'Twas diſcourſed at the Court of the Elector Palatine, that Prince *Charles* of *Nieuburgh* his Brother, who is at preſent in *Sileſia*, is going to Marry the Princeſs Dowager of *Radziville*, and that the Elector offers on this account to ſettle upon him a Penſion of 20000 Crowns a Year.

Hamburgh, Jan. 14. The Affairs of *Holſtein* continue in the ſame poſture; The *Danes* make all the neceſſary Preparations to attack the Duke of *Holſtein*'s new Forts as ſoon as the Froſt